

REMARKS

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, and entry of this paper, is respectfully requested. The applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action of March 22, 2005, and respectfully asserts that this paper is responsive to all points raised therein.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 22-25 and 36-42 are presently pending. Claims 22-24 have been amended. Claims 1-21 and 26-35 have been cancelled.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The applicant notes the Examiner's allowance of claims 22-25 and 36-42. Also noted is the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 3, 4, 7-9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 29, 30, 34 and 35, that were objected to, but allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the claims on which they are based.

III. Remarks on Amendments and Cancellation of Claims

Claims 22-24 have been amended. These amendments are editorial in nature, to add a comma for clarity, in claim 22, and to change a capitalization of "Claims" to a lower case "claims" in claims 23 and 24. Accordingly, these amendments are all directed to formalities only and are not substantive.

Claims 1-21 and 26-35 have been cancelled without prejudice. This cancellation without prejudice is made to move allowed claims 22-25 and 36-42 to issue. In making this cancellation

of claims 1-21 and 26-35 without prejudice, the applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file Divisional and/or Continuation patent applications, and in no way accepts or acquiesces to any rejections in the Final Office Action of March 22, 2005.

IV. Rejections Under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14-16, 19, 26-28 and 31-33 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Shambeau, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,065,917) (Shambeau).

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14-16, 19, 26-28 and 31-33 have been cancelled without prejudice as discussed above. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot. Moreover, as stated above, the applicant, in canceling these claims without prejudice, in no way accepts or acquiesces to this rejection.

IV. Conclusion


Should the Examiner have any questions or comments as to the form, content, or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Entry of this paper and allowance of all pending claims, 22-25 and 36-42, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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